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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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Status

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) 4 and 6 is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-3,5 and 7-11 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's election without traverse of Species II, claims 1-3, 5, 7-11, in the reply filed on 12-28-05 is acknowledged.
2. A rejection based on double patenting of the "same invention" type finds its support in the language of 35 U.S.C. 101 which states that "whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process ... may obtain a patent therefor ..." (Emphasis added). Thus, the term "same invention," in this context, means an invention drawn to identical subject matter. See *Miller v. Eagle Mfg. Co.*, 151 U.S. 186 (1894); *In re Ockert*, 245 F.2d 467, 114 USPQ 330 (CCPA 1957); and *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970).

A statutory type (35 U.S.C. 101) double patenting rejection can be overcome by canceling or amending the conflicting claims so they are no longer coextensive in scope. The filing of a terminal disclaimer cannot overcome a double patenting rejection based upon 35 U.S.C. 101.
3. Claims 1-3, 5, and 7-11 are provisionally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-21 of copending Application No. 10823,582. This is a provisional double patenting rejection since the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented. Identical elements are claimed in both applications, with only the slightest modification of language.
4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:
 - (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1, 5, 7, 8, and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dornier (2,152,033).

Dornier discloses a flap 2 with all claimed elements, including inner and outer surfaces, a rounded leading edge, a trailing edge, and an axis of rotation near the leading edge. The patent fails to specify the particular parameters of flap, but the drawing clearly shows the outer and inner surfaces to be convex and appears to show the claimed trailing edge angle and chord position of the axis of rotation. In any case, in view of the disclosure of Dornier, it is considered obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to choose specific design parameter (for the unspecified parameters) and, lacking any indication of unexpected results, having concave surfaces, trailing edge angle, and axis of rotation as claimed is considered to have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art.

6. Claims 2 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dornier (2,152,033) as applied to claims 1, 5, 7, 8, and 11 above, and further in view of Green (5,374,162).

Dornier fails to specify that the leading edge is elliptical. Green teaches that it is known to have elliptical leading edges on airfoils. See column 5, lines 18-22. Motivation to combine is the teaching that airfoils can have either circular or elliptical leading edges and, thus, the ability to choose the desired configuration for a particular desired result. To employ the teachings of Green on the flap of Dornier and have the leading edge be elliptical is considered to have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art.

7. Claims 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dornier (2,152,033) as applied to claims 1, 5, 7, 8, and 11 above, and further in view of Carter Jr. et al (2002/0005458).

Dornier fails to specify that the trailing edge is elliptical. Carter Jr. et al teach that it is known to have elliptical trailing edges on airfoils. See paragraph 21. Motivation to combine is the teaching that elliptical trailing edge can have desired performance characteristics. To employ the teachings of Carter Jr. et al on the flap of Dornier and have the trailing edge be elliptical is considered to have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to J. Woodrow Eldred whose telephone number is 571-272-6901. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Carone can be reached on 571-272-6873. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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